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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CGEN (HANFF, KONSTANTY ZYGFRYD ET AL)
SUBJ: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: WAR-CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS

REF: STATE 155565 AND PREVIOUS

1. IT SEEMS CLEAR TO ME THAT THE POLES HAVE DECIDED NOT TO COOPERATE WITH US ON THE HANFF INVESTIGATION NOR ON OTHER WAR-CRIME CASES WE HAVE RAISED WITH THEM. SINCE JULY, 1976, WE HAVE DELIVERED SEVEN NOTES TO THE MFA REQUESTING INFORMATION ON HANFF, STEFURAK, BROSHEIT, WALUS, BIZUSKY, DEMJANJUK, FEDORENKO, AND ARTISHENKO. ONLY TWO OF THESE NOTES (BROSHEIT AND WALUS) HAVE BEEN ANSWERED (76 WARSAW 6110 AND WARSAW 3991), WITH NEGATIVE FINDINGS IN BOTH CASES.

2. I HAVE RAISED THIS MATTER WITH MFA VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. OUR LAST DISCUSSION WAS AUGUST 2, WHEN I SHOWED HIM COPIES OF ALL OUR UNANSWERED NOTES AND EXPRESSED MY DISAPPOINTMENT AND PUZZLEMENT AT THE GOP'S FAILURE TO RESPOND.
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IN HIS REPLY, SPASOWSKI SPOKE ONLY OF THE HANFF CASE. HE WAS UNABLE TO TELL ME THE REASONS FOR HIS GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH US. BY GESTURE AND ALLUSION, HE CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION THAT ANOTHER ELEMENT OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT (I.E., THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR) HAD VETOED ANY COOPERATION WITH US. HE COULD OFFER NO EXPLANATION OF THIS, NOR ANY HOPE THAT WE WOULD RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION OR COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE. HE

GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT, FOR HIS PART, HE HOPED WE WOULD QUIT TRYING.

3. COMMENT: SPASOWSKI MAY BE CONVEYING AN ACCURATE IMPRESSION WHEN HE INTIMATES THAT POLAND'S SECURITY SERVICES ARE BALKING AT COOPERATING WITH US. THIS LEAVES THE QUESTION WHY THEY ARE REFUSING TO ASSIST IN AN EFFORT WHICH, ON THE FACE OF IT, WOULD SEEM TO BE IN THE GOP'S INTEREST. I HAVE NO RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT TO DO NEXT, EXCEPT TO URGE THAT WE CITE THIS UNRESPONSIVENESS EVERY TIME THE EXPRESSION "WAR CRIMES" OR "WAR CRIMINAL" IS UTTERED BY A POLISH OFFICIAL.

4. PARTICULARLY PUZZLING IS THE MFA'S FAILURE TO HELP US SECURE INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE USED AGAINST HANFF. AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, THE POLES PROTESTED LOUDLY AND OFTEN HIS ACTIVITIES UNDER THE LABEL "FREE POLAND" AND REQUESTED THAT WE PROSECUTE HIM. WHEN WE ASK FOR THEIR HELP IN OBTAINING EVIDENCE ON THE BASIS OF WHICH WE COULD DO THIS, THEY REFUSE TO HELP. THIS REFUSAL RAISES IN MY MIND A QUESTION ABOUT HANFF'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POLISH SECURITY SERVICES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT. END COMMENT.
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